Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:

a body member;

a plurality of struts including a proximal end region, a distal end region, and a distal tip, the plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;

at least some distal tips of the plurality of struts being configured as an anchoring member directly coupled to the distal end region of that strut of which it is a distal tip by a weakened region; and

wherein the weakened region is configured to fail releasing the anchoring member from the distal end region of that strut of which it is a distal tip thereby separating the distal tip of the strut from the filtering device.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the body member is coupled to the proximal end region of the struts.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the body member includes a bore.

25. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the struts are substantially straight.

26. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the struts include one or more bends.

27-33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) A medical device, comprising:

a body member;

a plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;

an anchoring member disposed on a distal end of each of the struts; and

a reduced cross-sectional area region defined in each of the struts immediately proximal of the anchoring member, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is configured to fail releasing the anchoring member from the distal end of the strut and the medical device.

35. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by a notch in the strut.

36. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by a divet in the strut.

37. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by an opening in the strut.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:

a conically-shaped filtering basket including an apex, a plurality of arms extending from the apex, and a plurality of rigid anchoring members each coupled to that end of an arm positioned opposite the apex, each arm including a joined end fixedly attached to the apex; and

wherein the arms include a reduced cross-section area region disposed between the pluralities of arms and any anchoring members coupled thereto.

40. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:

a conically-shaped filtering basket including an apex, a plurality of arms extending from the apex, and a plurality of the arms terminating in an anchoring member positioned opposite the apex, each arm including a joined end fixedly attached to the apex; and

wherein the arms include a reduced cross-sectional area region disposed between the arms and anchoring members configured to break releasing the anchoring members from the filtering basket.

41. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the weakened region fails when subject to a retrieval force.

42. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the weakened region is configured to fail before the plurality of struts fails.

43. (Previously Presented) A medical device, comprising:

a body member;

a plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;

an anchoring member disposed on a distal end of each of the struts; and

means for releasing the anchoring member from the medical device when subject to a force.

44. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 43 wherein the means for releasing the anchoring member includes a reduced cross-sectional area region defined in each of the struts adjacent the anchoring member disposed on the distal end of said strut.